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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS AFFECTING DATE EXPORTS

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1. FDA ADVISES THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY PERMIT RE-CONDITION-  
ING OF DATES AT NABISCO'S WOODBURY, GA. PROCESSING PLANT.  
RE-CONDITIONING WOULD CONSIST OF "PUSHING OUT" THE PIT AND  
DIRECTING A STREAM OF WATER THROUGH THE RESULTING HOLE.
2. RE-CONDITIONING NORMALLY RESULTS IN A "COMMERCIALY  
ZERO" LEVEL OF INFESTATION (I.E., ALMOST ZERO). PAST  
RE-CONDITIONING USING THIS PROCEDURE AT THE WOODBURY PLANT  
HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE SATISFACTORY ON SUBSEQUENT FDA  
EXAMINATION. TO DATE, NABISCO HAS FAILED TO SUBMIT A  
REQUEST FOR RE-CONDITIONING OF THE DATES IN QUESTION USING  
THIS PROCEDURE.
3. FIVE PERCENT INFESTATION LEVEL TOLERANCE IS CONFUSING.  
THAT IS THE LEVEL THE FDA USES TO DETERMINE WHETHER  
UNPROCESSED DATES WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE U.S. FOR  
PROCESSING. AFTER FDA ALLOWS RE-CONDITIONING, HOWEVER, THE

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FDA STAMP OF APPROVAL IS, IN EFFECT, GRANTED THE PROCESSED PRODUCT (THE FDA IS WARRANTING THAT IT IS FIT FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION); FOR PURPOSES OF THAT WARRANTY, THE FIVE PERCENT TOLERANCE LEVEL IS OUT THE WINDOW, AND THE FDA DEMANDS COMMERCIALLY ZERO INFESTATION.

4. SUGGEST DATE EXPORTERS CONTACT NABISCO AND REQUEST THAT NABISCO APPLY TO FDA FOR PERMISSION TO RE-CONDITION. ROBINSON

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